

BOTH ARMIES PREPARING TO RENEW BATTLE

French and Germans Sending Up Fresh Troops and Guns and Strengthening Positions at Verdun.

INFANTRY HAMPERED BY FLOODS AND MUD

Paris Experts Claim That Defenses Are Too Strong. German Loss Placed at 150,000.

International News Service: PARIS, March 2.—German troops late yesterday afternoon renewed their terrific assaults in the Woivre region on the front to the east of Verdun. The assaults were launched following a violent bombardment of the French lines by the German artillery.

The center of the attack was at Fresnois, but the communique issued by the war office this afternoon states that the French troops repulsed the assault on Fresnois, which is seven miles southeast of Verdun, and also recaptured in a counter-attack some trench sections which the Germans had penetrated in their first drive.

Artillery duels of sinister violence are raging day and night at many points on the west front. In the region of Verdun both sides have taken advantage of the lull in the big German drive to strengthen the fortifications defending their positions and move fresh guns and ammunition to the front.

Military critics are divided over the plans of the German general staff. Some hold that the drive against the French fortress of Verdun was merely a gigantic feint to cover an attack which is in preparation against the Anglo-French front at the west end of the line. The Kaiser still clings to the fond belief that Calais can be taken, it is said.

Other military experts believe that the German offensive around Verdun will be resumed with redoubled vigor and that the Germans will again launch fresh masses of men against the French positions after a long sustained and smashing cannonade.

Conditions are bad. Floods and mud, following the thaw of snow, have made fighting conditions for infantry very bad around Verdun and this was said to be one of the reasons why the Germans allowed their attacks to lapse. That the check inflicted upon the troops of the crown prince north of Verdun was seriously felt is shown by an order of the day issued by the German commander before the battle began. It was printed in the Echo de Paris and states that "the crown prince expects to see the German masters of Verdun before the first day of March." Such a victory, says the order, would be the last big offensive movement the Germans would have to make, because it would open the way to victory and an honorable peace.

Lieut. Col. Bonassot, one of the foremost military writers in France, is one who believes that the Ger-

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ALLIES PREPARED FOR TEUTON DRIVE

International News Service: LONDON, March 2.—Germany's next drive against the allied front in France will take place between Rheims and Soissons, according to the belief of many English and French military experts.

The German lines are nearer Paris at that point than at any other place on the west front. In view of the apparent weakening of the German offensive north of Verdun it is strongly believed that the Germans will make another violent thrust. In this connection the violent bombardment of the German positions east of Soissons by the French yesterday is considered in many quarters as an indication that the French general staff sense an imminent offensive in this region and are trying to hinder its preparations with big guns.

It is interesting to recall that a similar bombardment by the French preceded the German offensive at Verdun. It is known that the Germans have been making elaborate preparations for strong attacks all along the front from the Somme river to the Aisne. However, the preparations on this section of the front do not compare in magnitude with those made at Verdun.

FR. WALSH TO SPEAK

Will Deliver Address at Colfax Civic Club Meeting.

Rev. M. G. Walsh, head of the history department of Notre Dame university, will talk on "Early Missionaries and the First White Settlers in the St. Joseph Valley," at the Colfax Civic club meeting at the school Friday night. Father Walsh is recognized as an authority on American history and he and his classes have been making a special study of the history of Indiana and the St. Joseph valley recently.

Other numbers on the program follow: Community singing, led by Mrs. J. LeFrenz; readings, "The Night Wind," and "The Lonely Wind," song, third grade children; vocal solo, Miss Stella Vanderhoof; reading, "Mrs. Walker on Woman's Rights," Elizabeth Byer; piano duet, Irma Hill and Thelma Kuntz.

DAY NURSERY PROVES POPULAR WITH MOTHERS

Cared For 304 Children During the Month of February.

That the Circle of Mercy's Day Nursery is becoming more and more popular with the mothers who are employed during the day is shown in the reports for the month of February which show that the entire number of children taken care of at the nursery was 304, the largest number for any one day being 29 and the smallest three.

Saturday is usually the busiest day of the week, owing to the fact that most of the mothers are home that day and can keep the children with them. It is expected that as the spring weather advances more of the mothers will have employment and that the number of babies at the nursery will still be very much increased.

MARCH LION WAS PLAYING POSSUM

Visitor Wakes and Gives South Bend a Touch of Real Winter.

This decrepit lion that came sneaking in with the first of March recovered his strength in nice shape during the latter part of the day and by Thursday morning had the city looking like a regular March day. Several inches of snow fell during the late afternoon and evening.

In spite of all this snow the weather has not been very cold. The heavy covering of snow is expected to hold the wheat comfortably, for farmers have been complaining that there has not been sufficient warmth for the grain. The temperature at noon Thursday was 24 degrees above zero.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED

Will be Guests of C. of C. at Oliver Theater Friday.

All high school students have been invited to attend the afternoon performance of the Lincoln highway moving pictures at the Oliver theater Friday as the guests of the Chamber of Commerce. The invitation was extended, following a meeting of the committee in charge of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon. The pictures will be shown during the afternoon and evening. Pictures of the Lincoln highway celebration held in South Bend in June will be shown along with a number of other reels.

TWO ARE TOLD TO LEAVE

Father and Son Are Up Before City Court Judge.

George Hall and Clarence Hall, father and son, both alleging to be watch and clock repairers, were ordered to leave town by Judge Warner Thursday morning. The elder Hall was charged with petit larceny by having taken a pair of overcoats from Edward Tritt. The son was charged with vagrancy. Judge Warner dismissed the charge against the son and suspended a 30-day jail sentence against the father upon their promise to leave the city.

SWIMMERS TO MEET

Notre Dame and Y. M. C. A. Men to Compete March 22.

Notre Dame swimmers will meet Y. M. C. A. men in the association tank March 22. The individual swimming championships for the Dr. H. P. Mitchell trophy will be held March 21. These two meets will be staged to get a line on the men who will enter the state Y. M. C. A. aquatic meet at Indianapolis central "Y" April 7.

CANCELS ENGAGEMENT

Detective O. O. Ward Will be Unable to Appear Saturday.

Detective Owen O. Ward, who was to have given a talk on "Experiences of a Detective" at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night, will be unable to be here. It is probable the entertainment will be held April 2.

CLAIMS FILED BY CREDITORS OF EBERHARTS

More Than Two Million is Asked in Bills Against Two Estates Filed in Circuit Court.

CHICAGO BANKS ARE BIGGEST CLAIMANTS

Mrs. Martin V. Beiger Charges \$275,400 is Due Her. New York Bank Asks For \$60,000.

Claims aggregating more than \$2,000,000 have been filed in circuit court against the estates of the late James G. Eberhart and Everette G. Eberhart of Mishawaka. Two of the largest claims filed against each of the estates are made by Mrs. Martin V. Beiger, millionairess, of Mishawaka. They are for notes.

Following is a list of the claims filed against the James G. Eberhart estate: Syracuse Power and Light Co., filed Jan. 25, \$ 50,000. Hanover National Bank of New York, \$ 60,000.00. Susie H. Beiger, \$275,400.00. National City Bank of Chicago, \$254,294.05. First National Bank of Chicago, \$265,388.88. Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, trustee; Chicago, \$106,881.94. Continental Commercial National Bank of Chicago, \$284,091.11.

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Are For Notes. The claims held by Mrs. Beiger are for notes drawn up in favor of the Woodland Co. and were executed in Chicago. The individual notes were made in 1914, the amounts being \$50,000 and \$100,000 and another note for a like amount. The figures extend from April, 1914, to the early part of 1915. Everette G. Eberhart committed suicide last fall by shooting himself through the heart over his son's grave in the Mishawaka cemetery. The reason given for his act at the time was grief over the death of his son, which it was said preyed on his mind. It was hinted, however, that financial difficulties had in a measure something to do with the cause of the act, but this was denied by the family.

James G. Eberhart died about a year ago. Both men were connected with the Mishawaka Woolen Co., of which their father was the founder. Everette G. Eberhart was the vice president and in company at the time of his death.

CALLS MARRIED MEN

Will be Asked to Report About April 7.

LONDON, March 2.—The first call for married men to report to the colors will soon be issued, according to the Exchange Telegraph Co. Groups 25 to 32 will be called up first and will be notified to report by April 7.

BREAD TICKETS TO BE ISSUED BY RUSSIA

International News Service: PETROGRAD, March 2.—The food shortage in Russia, due to the war, is beginning to be keenly felt among all classes of people. The ministry of agriculture announces that meat may only be eaten on five days during the week and flour has become so scarce that bread tickets will probably be issued soon.

STILL HOLD FORT.

International News Service: BERLIN, March 2.—Renewed efforts of the French to recapture Fort Donnau north of Verdun, from the Germans, have been unsuccessful, the German war office announced today.

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Promise Made After Monitor's Victory Will Be Fulfilled

International News Service: WASHINGTON, March 2.—The navy department is about to redeem a promise made more than 50 years ago by Secy Welles to the crew of the Monitor, then just returned from the historic engagement with the Confederate ironclad Merrimac in Hampton roads. The residue is that John Driscoll, the last surviving member of the Monitor's crew, will make a trip through the Panama canal on an American warship. After the engagement in Hampton roads, the crew of the Monitor came to Washington to receive the personal commendation of Secy Welles and Asst. Secy Fox. So enthusiastic was the crew of the Monitor that they could have anything they would ask for. More than half a century passed and John Driscoll, the last of the Monitor's grizzled fighters, called upon Asst. Secy Roosevelt and told him about Secy Welles' pledge. "Well, what would you like?" asked Mr. Roosevelt. "I want to go through the Panama canal on an American warship," promptly replied Driscoll. "It's settled then," said Mr. Roosevelt, and Driscoll will take passage on the first naval vessel to ply the waters of the canal after the slides have been removed. At Mr. Roosevelt's request, Driscoll is writing his recollections of the fight between the Monitor and the Merrimac, known as the "Yankee chess box" or "a plank," and her Confederate adversary.

SENATE URGED TO APPOINT BRANDEIS

Petition Signed by Many Prominent Men Presented to Committee.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, March 2.—A petition urging the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis as associate justice of the supreme court of the United States was presented to the senate judiciary sub-committee investigating his fitness today by Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, now president of the National Consumers' league, on behalf of a large group of New York manufacturers, labor leaders and social workers. Prominent among those signing the petition were Oscar Straus, chairman of the New York public service commission; Frederick W. Howe, commissioner of immigration at New York; Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent; John Mitchell, chairman of the New York state industrial commission; Charles F. McFarland, secretary of the Federal council of the Churches of Christ in America; Henry R. Seager, president of the American Association for Labor Legislation; Rabbi Stephen Wise, Charles R. Crane, Edward T. Devine, director of the New York School of Philanthropy; Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary of the National Consumers' league; Owen Lovejoy, secretary of the National Child Labor commission; Henry Bruere, city chamberlain of New York, and George W. Kirchwey, warden of Sing Sing prison.

Brandeis' success as arbitrator of the garment workers' strike is cited as proof of his "judicial temperament" and fitness for the supreme court, and his unpaid advocacy of better working conditions is pointed to as evidence of his sincerity and high idealism. Brandeis is a man of great ability, but he is "not always truthful, not always trustworthy and sails under false colors," Francis Peabody of Boston, told the committee today.

ARMY IS CONCENTRATED

Roumania is Prepared to Repel Any Invasion.

International News Service: SALONIKI, March 2.—Three army corps (120,000 men) have been concentrated by the Roumanian general staff in western Roumania along the Danube river with headquarters at Calafata, opposite the Bulgarian fortress of Vidin, according to reports reaching Anglo-French headquarters today.

PAYS LODGE MEMBERS

Grocer Gives Each One \$3 For Attending His Funeral.

International News Service: YONKERS, N. Y., March 2.—William Gernhardt, a wholesale grocer, will give \$3 to each of the 150 members of his lodge who attended his funeral to reimburse them for the loss of their day's pay.

WILL ASSIST WIDOWS

Prof. Pupin Turns Prize Over For War Sufferers.

International News Service: PARIS, March 2.—Prof. Michael I. Pupin of Columbia university, awarded the Hebert prize by the Institute de France, has turned the money over to a fund to help the widows and orphans of scientists killed in the war, at the same time adding a considerable fund from his private purse.

SUBMARINE GUIDED BY SOUND OF PROPELLERS

International News Service: PARIS, March 2.—Official reports to the ministry of marine today increased to 500 the total of survivors saved when the French liner auxiliary cruiser La Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean. The naval expert of the Petit Parisien presents the theory that the submarine which destroyed La Provence lay in wait for the ship far below the surface of the water and was guided in its movements by the sound of the liner's propellers. "The submarine probably approached within 500 yards and rose to the surface just long enough to launch the torpedo," the expert adds. "It then plunged quickly before it was perceived by the lookouts. A torpedo could easily have traversed the short distance to the liner without its wake attracting attention."

GERMAN SEA RAIDER TAKEN SAYS REPORT

Cruiser Moewe Captured Off the Coast of Brazil—Was Pursued Across the Atlantic.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO TRINIDAD

French Cruiser Reports Vessel's Presence to British Ships and They Take Up the Chase.

RUSSIAN VESSEL IS SUNK BY SUB

Fifteen Members of Crew Are Drowned—All Torpedoed Without Warning.

International News Service: LONDON, March 2.—Three allied merchantmen—two British and Russian—were sunk during the first 24 hours of Germany's new submarine campaign. In addition to the Thornaby and Malvina, the British ships whose loss was made known yesterday, the Russian steamer Alexander Wentzel was also sunk on Wednesday. As in the case of the Thornaby, the destruction of the Russian vessel was accompanied with heavy loss of life. Eighteen members of the Alexander Wentzel's crew were drowned. Eleven others were saved after drifting about all night in a small boat. According to reports reaching London all three of these vessels were torpedoed without warning or any attempt being made to prevent loss of life. The Alexander Wentzel was built in 1899. It displaced 2,838 tons and was operated by the Northern Steamship Co., Ltd. The steamer's home port was Petrograd, but it had been plying between Cardiff and Archangel. Dispatches from Lowestoft this afternoon announced the sinking of four fishing smacks, the Trebos, Tyson, Reliance and Harold, in the North sea. They were sent to the bottom by a single submarine this morning. The crews of all these boats were later landed. Later in the day it was reported that the Italian steamer Elisa, a vessel of 429 tons, built in 1856, and sailing from Naples, had also been sunk.

BULGAR CZAR WOUNDED

Attempt is Made to Take Life of King Ferdinand.

International News Service: BUEENOS AIRES, Argentina, March 2.—Reports that the German auxiliary cruiser Moewe, the Comrie raider which captured the Appam and sank many other British ships, had been captured off the coast of Brazil, reached maritime agents in this city today. According to the rumors, the Moewe was pursued across the Atlantic ocean by a British cruiser and finally taken. Similar reports also reached Argentine government officials, but they stated that they had no confirmation. The report of the capture of the Moewe came from Montevideo, a dispatch from the Uruguayan port stating that the German raider had been taken to Trinidad. This also said that the Moewe had narrowly escaped from the French cruiser off the African coast, being severely damaged by the French gunners before it got away. The French cruiser communicated the whereabouts of the Moewe to English cruisers, the Montevideo advices said, and these took up the chase.

AVIATOR SEEKS DIVORCE

Art Smith Falls From Heaven of Matrimonial Happiness.

International News Service: SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Art Smith of Fort Wayne, Ind., boy aviator, idol of the exposition crowds, has fallen from the heaven of matrimonial happiness. On the eve of his departure for Japan Smith announced that he will file suit for divorce. He instructed his attorney, Harry I. Stafford, to file the suit today. Mrs. Smith has been in the east since Dec. 28.

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A switch from Hughes, of New York, to Burton of Ohio, for the republican presidential nomination may be determined upon by the supporters of the former governor of New York should the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for United States supreme court justice be confirmed. This tip was given by a former republican cabinet member who up to the day that Pres't Wilson sent in Brandeis' name was an ardent promoter of the plan to "draft Hughes."

It followed informal conferences in this city among W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts; William Barnes, jr., of New York; Sen. Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, and other avowed anti-Roosevelt leaders.

MEETING AT CHICAGO BREAKS UP IN RIOT

Ex-Pres't Who Was Denouncing Catholic Church Has Narrow Escape.

International News Service: CHICAGO, March 2.—Efforts were being made by the police today to determine who was to blame for a riot last night in which a mob broke up an anti-Catholic meeting under the auspices of the Guardians of Liberty. Joseph Slattery, a former priest, who is now opposed to the church, was the speaker at the meeting. He escaped serious injury in the fighting, but many of his followers were hurt. Charles S. Young, a member of the board of education, was struck on the head with a brass "knuckle." Capt. Horace F. Wild, the aviator, was struck with a club. Several men were taken from their wives and beaten by the 200 rioters. After the meeting was dismissed members of the mob stopped street cars, entered them and dragged out persons they had seen in the anti-Catholic meeting. The police quelled the rioting after reserves from three police districts were called out, and one arrest was made. Patrick S. Brennan was booked by Lieut. Enright, who saw him strike a man in a street car.

MACHINISTS ON STRIKE

Twelve Hundred Men Walk Out at Buffalo.

International News Service: BUFFALO, N. Y., March 2.—Twelve hundred machinists working in Buffalo plants went on strike this morning. It is expected 1,800 more men will join the strikers before night. The demands are an eight-hour day, 40 cents an hour minimum, time and a half for overtime, no piece or premium work and no Sunday work. Many of the shops affected are turning out war orders for the allies.

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International News Service: WASHINGTON, March 2.—Pres't Wilson will "wait a reasonable time" for congress to act on the McLeMORE resolution warning Americans not to take passage on armed merchant vessels. Then, if the foreign affairs committee fails to report the resolution either favorably or adversely, the executive will demand that the rules committee force the issue by itself reporting some such legislation accompanied with a rule that will force immediate consideration. This was the decision reached today following a telephone conference between the president and Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee, and a half hour talk which the president had with Rep. Fims J. Garrett, of Tennessee, third member of the rules committee, and the most experienced parliamentarian in the house. The house members made it very plain to the president that the majority of the representatives did not want to be "rushed off their feet." They desired thoroughly to canvass the entire situation and the president was told that if opportunity was afforded to do this the chances of his receiving the exact sort of support that he is seeking may be materially increased. The issue now is squarely joined. The white house will be satisfied with nothing less than a line-up on the McLeMORE resolution or one equally as strong. Resolutions carrying perfunctory endorsement, or a straight-out declaration that the handling of the international situation is admirable, will not be accepted. The president and Secy Lansing have decided that their hands are tied in any further negotiations with Germany over the submarine issue until congress has disposed of the warning suggestions which the administration flatly insists seriously is menacing American prestige at Berlin, Vienna and Constantinople. The congressional leaders realize this and are prepared to act accordingly. Tendency For Delay. The tendency at the capitol today was all for delay. The house foreign affairs committee postponed its proposed resolutions until 10.30 to 3 o'clock with a strong prospect of a further delay because Majority Leader Kitchin had asked that it take no action until he could confer with Chairman Flood. It was certain that the chasm between the white house and the majority in the lower branch of congress was so wide that some one will have to back down. If the house members (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

SUB CONTROVERSY IS UP IN SENATE

International News Service: WASHINGTON, March 2.—The submarine situation was injected today despite a general agreement among the members to refrain from action. Soon after the morning business had been transacted, Sen. William J. Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, secured recognition and began a discussion on the subject. With the Green resolution as his text, although it was not then before the senate, the order of business being the Shields dam bill, the senator began a lengthy discussion of the entire submarine question. He read his letter to Pres't Wilson and the latter's reply, which had precipitated the entire controversy. "I can't but believe that a beligerent ship heavily armed, no matter if for defensive purposes, carrying munitions of war, is simply a ship of war," declared Sen. Stone. Sen. Stone urged that an agreement be entered into for bringing the Gore resolution before the senate at noon tomorrow. Sen. Lodge of Massachusetts followed Sen. Stone, taking direct issue with the Missouri senator's position. He earnestly defended the position assumed by the president, going again over the ground covered in his recent speech on the subject.

Latest in the News World

ABANDON FORT.

International News Service: AMSTERDAM, March 2.—Fort Vaux, chief defense of Verdun from the northeast, has been abandoned by the French troops, according to unconfirmed reports from German sources that came to Amsterdam today. These stated that the fort had been shattered by the concentrated fire of the German mortars and rendered untenable.

LOSS IS \$500,000.

International News Service: MANCHESTER, England, March 2.—Half a million dollars damage was caused by the burning of the British tanker, Spire in the ship canal yesterday.

SWEDEN HARD HIT.

International News Service: COPENHAGEN, March 2.—Swedish shipping to the amount of 500,000 tons has been destroyed by German submarines or mines, it is estimated here today by a newspaper. The ships lost were valued at \$2,500,000. One hundred and twenty-eight Swedes have lost their lives.

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